

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to the specification is submitted to address the technical objections to the drawings set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. In particular, page 3 of the specification has been amended so that it is clear that reference character 6 refers solely to a "first game area" and reference character 8 refers solely to a "second game area".

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended in response to the technical objections set forth on page 3 of the Office Action by providing proper antecedent basis. Entry of the amendments to the specification and claims does not raise a new matter issue and entry thereof is deemed proper and is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 6 and 7 stand rejected as anticipated by Walker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,250,685). The Office Action states that the reference discloses a lottery ticket comprising a first game area (120) containing a plurality of play indicia (120 E-120 G) on a plurality of rows wherein at least two indicia are combined to obtain a target indicia. The Office Action further states that a second game area (130) adjacent each row of the first game area (120) designates target indicia (130 E-130 G) which are obtained by combining at least two indicia from the first game area. There is also provided a prize area (140). The rejection is hereby traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The first game area 120 and the second game area 130 employed in the reference ticket are different than the corresponding game areas required in the present claims. The first game area 6 of the present invention comprises at least one row with each row containing a plurality of play indicia. The second game area 8 which is
5 adjacent each row of the first game area designates target indicia which if present in the first game area may result in a prize being won.

Referring to Figure 2 of the reference and particularly to the bottom row of the game areas, it is shown that the second game area 130 has play indicia (A, 10, 5, 5 and 5). The only play indicia designated in the second game area which does appear in the
10 first game area is the A and 10. If A and 10 are then considered the target indicia, then their appearance in the second game area is not indicative of a prize being won. This is because a prize is won by the appearance of (5, 5, 5) which do not appear in the first game area. Thus, the first and second game areas described in the reference and referred to in the Office Action are not structurally the same nor do they achieve the
15 same results as the first and second game areas required in the lottery ticket of the present invention.

It should be noted that the first game area (120) of the lottery ticket shown in Figure 2 of the reference is a strategy section and not concerned with play indicia. It gives the opportunity to the player to select which "strategy" the player wishes to adopt
20 in selecting cards which are set forth in the second game area. For example, in the third strategy of the first game area of the reference, the player keeps A and 10 and

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It is believed that no fee is due. However, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

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